cases of misappropriation of amounts and fraudulent activities relating to Savings Bank and Savings Certificates.

(c) (i) Detailed investigation is conducted at the level of Directorate, Circle or Divisions by an officer of appropriate rank depending on the amount involved when officers and employees are found involved in criminal cases including late or non delivery of money orders or for cheating of exchequer for lost Vikas Patras/Bonds. Cases involving frauds and financial losses beyond Rs. 5000/- are reported to police also and efforts are made to get the offenders convicted in the court of law.

(ii) Disciplinary proceedings are initiated against all officials found involved in crime/negligence as per their lapses identified in the Inquiry report and deterrent penalties are imposed. Efforts are made to recover the Government loss from departmental officials who are identified as principal/subsidiary offenders, through disciplinary proceedings as well as proceedings under Public Accounts Default Act initiated through Revenue Authority.

Extension of cut-off date of migration package

1248. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the report "four telecom firms may be disqualified" published in the "The Statesman" dated 1st February, 2000;

(b) if so, whether the DOT have asked for further extension of the cut-off date of the implementation of the migration package from 31st January to 15th March, 2000;

(c) if so, the reasons therefore;

(d) whether all the companies which are in line for migration to the revenue sharing arrangement have withdrawn all the cases and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government, in consideration of totality of the circumstances, offered to the existing licensees of Basic and Cellular Services on 22.7.1999, a package for migration to revenue sharing regime under the New telecom Policy 1999. As per the Package, 35% of the dues were to be paid by 15.8.99 Bank Guarantees to securitise balance dues were to be furnished by 30.11.99

and full balance dues were to be paid by 31.1.2000. Some of the licencees could not abide by these deadlines in view of their various financial problems, particularly on account of awleged uncertainty created by Public Interest Litigation in Delhi. High Court challenging the Migration Package. A final extension for securitisation upto 29.2.2000 and for payment of full balance dues by 15.3.2000 has been given and for this the licensees will have to pay additional penalties.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. All the existing licensees of Basic and Cellular Services, who have been permitted migration to the new regime of revenue sharing have withdrawn court cases in respect of licenses for which migration has been permitted. A list of such licensees is given below:—

A. Basic telephone service:

Name of licensee	Name of the court/tribunal/ authority
M/s Hughes Ispat Ltd.	Delhi High Court
M/s Tata Teleservices Ltd.	Delhi High Court
M/s Reliance Telecom Ltd.	Delhi High Court
M/s Essar Comvision Ltd.	Delhi High Court

B. Cellular mobile telephone service:

Name of licensee	Name of the court/tribunal/ authority
M/s J.T. Mobiles Ltd.	Delhi High Court
M/s Reliance Telecom Ltd.	Delhi High Court
-do-	TRAI
M/s Birla AT&T	Delhi High Court
M/s Escotel Mobile	Delhi High Court
M/s Modicom Network	Delhi High Court
-do-	TRAI
M/s Hexacom India	Delhi High Court